

Remarks

Claims 7, 9, and 10 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, and 14 have been amended.

Claims 1-6, 8, and 11-19 are active in the present application.

The amendment of Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, and 14 is supported by the original claims as filed. The amendment to the specification serves to correct a minor typographical error on page 3, lines 6-7 of the specification. The Japanese Patent Application number has been corrected to read "8-259453" instead of "8-219453." All evidence to support this amendment were submitted in the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/922,694) on October 29, 2001.

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments. An action on the merits and allowance³ of claims is solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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